

## House Resolution No. 3563

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Paul R. Thornton, a treasured resident of Theodosia, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday on July 13, 2008, with a festive family celebration to be held in Theodosia; and

**Whereas**, Paul Thornton came into this world in Fair Play on July 14, 1918, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Harve and Jennie Thornton, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, on August 7, 1944, Paul Thornton embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Doris Ledbetter, a kind and loving woman with whom he shared the love and affection of two fine daughters; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Thornton dutifully served his country in the United States Military during World War II in Italy and Trinidad and provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of tireless endeavor as a truck driver, dock worker, and farmer; and

**Whereas**, Paul Thornton has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his two children, Paulette Gebhardt and Patricia Krause; and his three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

**Whereas**, now ninety years young, Paul Thornton faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing his experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those he holds most dear:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Paul Thornton as he proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing him much peace and prosperity as he continues his journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Paul R. Thornton, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Maynard Wallace  
District No. 143

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3563, adopted July 7, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker